

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

**Routine Proceedings, pages S2989–S3050**

**Measures Introduced:** Forty-four bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3032–3075, and S. Res. 448–452. **Pages S3041–42**

**Measures Passed:**

**Syria:** Senate passed S. 2224, to require the President to report to Congress on issues related to Syria, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3048–49**

Reid (for Corker/Webb) Amendment No. 2098, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3048–49**

**Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 105, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha. **Page S3049**

**Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 106, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. **Page S3049**

**Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 117, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service. **Page S3049**

**Authorizing the Use of the Capitol Grounds:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 118, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. **Page S3049**

**National MPS Awareness Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 450, designating May 15, 2012, as "National MPS Awareness Day". **Pages S3049–50**

**National Travel and Tourism Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 451, recognizing the goals of National Travel and Tourism Week and honoring the valuable contributions of travel and tourism to the United States of America. **Pages S3049–50**

**Collector Car Appreciation Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 452, designating July 13, 2012, as "Collector Car Appreciation Day" and recognizing that the col-

lection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States. **Pages S3049–50**

**Measures Considered:**

**Stop the Student Loan Interest Rate Hike Act:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2343, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans. **Pages S2989–S3035**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, with respect to the blocking of property of certain persons and prohibition of exportation and re-exportation of certain goods to Syria; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–47) **Page S3040**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S3040**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3050.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: COAST GUARD

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Coast Guard, after receiving testimony from Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr., Commandant, Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

### APPROPRIATIONS: U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND AND U.S. AFRICA COMMAND

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense received a closed briefing on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Central Command and Africa Command Programs from General James N. Mattis, USMC, Commander, United States Central Command, and General Carter F. Ham, USA, United States Africa Command, both of the Department of Defense.

### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government concluded a hearing to examine expanding broadband access, promoting innovation, and protecting consumers in a communications revolution, focusing on fiscal year 2013 resource needs for the Federal Communications Commission, after receiving testimony from Julius Genachowski, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission.

### NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine the National Flood Insurance Program, focusing on the need for long-term reauthorization and reform, including S. 1940, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund, S. 1958, to extend the National Flood Insurance Program until May 31, 2012, and S. 2344, to extend the National Flood Insurance Program until December 31, 2012, after receiving testimony from Todd S. Kliestz, Association of Montana Floodplain Managers, Missoula; Dwayne Bourgeois, North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District, Raceland, Louisiana; David A. Sampson, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America, Washington, D.C.; Jon Jensen, Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America, Spartanburg, South Carolina; Moe Veissi, National Association of Realtors, Miami, Florida; and Sarah Murdock, Nature Conservancy, Scituate, Massachusetts.

### LIMITING FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine limiting Federal support for financial institutions, including S. 3048, to provide for a safe, accountable, fair, and efficient banking system, after receiving testimony from Paul A. Volcker, former Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Anthony J. Carfang, Treasury Strategies, Inc., both of New York, New York; Thomas M. Hoenig, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, and Marc Jarsulic, Better Markets, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; Randall S. Kroszner, University of Chicago Booth School of Business, and James Roselle, Northern Trust Corporation, both of Chicago, Illinois; and T. C. Frost, San Antonio, Texas.

### PRIVACY PROTECTIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the need for privacy protections, focusing on perspectives from the Administration and the Federal Trade Commission, after receiving testimony from Jon Leibowitz, Chairman, and Maureen K. Ohlhausen, Commissioner, both of the Federal Trade Commission; and Cameron F. Kerry, General Counsel, Department of Commerce.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Joseph G. Jordan, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Executive Office of the President, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### HUMAN RESOURCE WORKFORCE IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine building and maintaining an effective human resource workforce in the Federal government, after receiving testimony from John Berry, Director, Office of Personnel Management; John U. Sepulveda, Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Human Resources and Administration; Anita Blair, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Human Resources and Chief Human Capital Officer; and John Palguta, Partnership for Public Service, and Sara Thompson, Catholic University of America Metropolitan School of Professional Studies, both of Washington, D.C.

## OFFICE OF THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Office of the Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, after receiving testimony from Victoria A. Espinel, U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Office of Management and Budget.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert E. Bacharach, of Oklahoma, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, John E. Dowdell, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, who were both introduced by

Senators Inhofe and Coburn, Paul William Grimm, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, who was introduced by Senators Mikulski and Cardin, and Mark E. Walker, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, and Brian J. Davis, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, who were both introduced by Senators Nelson (FL) and Rubio, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 57 public bills, H.R. 5650–5651, 5653–5707; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 647, were introduced. **Pages H2565–67**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2569–70**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4966, to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to replace the sequester established by the Budget Control Act of 2011, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–469, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5652, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2013 (H. Rept. 112–470);

H.R. 4235, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Commodity Exchange Act to repeal the indemnification requirements for regulatory authorities to obtain access to swap data required to be provided by swaps entities under such Acts, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–471, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 648, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5652) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2013 (H. Rept. 112–472).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Harper to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

***Securing American Jobs Through Exports Act:*** H.R. 2072, amended, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 330 yeas to 93 nays, Roll No. 224 and

**Pages H2460–81, H2490–91**

***United States-Israel Enhanced Security Cooperation Act of 2012:*** H.R. 4133, amended, to express the sense of Congress regarding the United States-Israel strategic relationship, to direct the President to submit to Congress reports on United States actions to enhance this relationship and to assist in the defense of Israel, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas to 2 nays with 9 answering “present”, Roll No. 225.

**Pages H2481–90, H2401–92**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

**Page H2490**

***Temporary Bankruptcy Judgeships Extension Act of 2012:*** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 4967, to prevent the termination of the temporary office of bankruptcy judges in certain judicial districts.

**Pages H2492–93**

***Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013:*** The House continued with consideration of H.R. 5326, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year

ending September 30, 2013. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, May 10th.

**Pages H2493–H2515, H2515–51, H2551–57**

Agreed to:

Quayle amendment that prohibits funds from being used to implement, administer, or enforce the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Enforcement Guidance Number 915.002 concerning “Consideration of arrest and conviction records in employment decisions”;

**Page H2502**

Poe amendment (No. 14 printed in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2012) that prohibits funds from being used to enforce section 221(a) of title 13, United States Code, with respect to the American Community Survey;

**Pages H2505–07**

Chaffetz amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of section 1001(a) of title 18, United States Code (by a recorded vote of 381 ayes to 41 noes, Roll No. 226);

**Pages H2493–96, H2516**

Blackburn amendment that prohibits funds from being used to defend against any action challenging any provision of Public Law 111–148 or any provision of title I or subtitle B of title II of Public Law 111–152; or any amendment to a provision of law made by any provision described in paragraph (1) (by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 194 noes, Roll No. 228);

**Pages H2498–H2500, H2517–18**

Duncan (SC) amendment (No. 38 printed in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2012) that prohibits funds from being used to litigate against any of the several States on behalf of the National Labor Relations Board pertaining to secret ballot union elections (by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 229);

**Pages H2501–02, H2518**

Garrett amendment that prohibits funds from being used by the Department of Justice to be a party to a single or multi-state court settlement where funds are removed from any residential mortgage-backed securitization trust (by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 230);

**Pages H2503–04, H2518–19**

Schweikert amendment that prohibits funds from being used by the Department of Justice to bring any action against any State for implementation of a State law requiring voter identification (by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 231);

**Pages H2504–05, H2519–20**

Webster amendment that prohibits funds from being used to conduct the survey, conducted by the Secretary of Commerce, commonly referred to as the “American Community Survey” (by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 232) (agreed by unanimous consent to vacate the earlier proceedings by which the amendment was agreed to by voice vote);

**Pages H2507–09, H2520**

Flores amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enforce section 526 of the Energy Independence Security Act of 2007 (by a recorded vote of 250 ayes to 173 noes, Roll No. 233);

**Pages H2509–10, H2520–21**

Flores amendment that prohibits funds from being used to implement the National Ocean Policy developed under Executive Order 13547 (relating to the stewardship of oceans, coasts, and the Great Lakes) (by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 174 noes, Roll No. 234);

**Pages H2510–15, H2521–22**

Engel amendment (No. 28 printed in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2012) that prohibits funds from being used to lease or purchase new light duty vehicles, for any executive fleet, or for an agency’s fleet inventory, except in accordance with Presidential Memorandum-Federal Fleet Performance, dated May 24, 2011;

**Pages H2523–24**

Walsh (IL) amendment that prohibits funds made available in this Act for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program from being made available to any State or local government that violates section 642 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996;

**Page H2524**

Chaffetz amendment (No. 36 printed in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2012) that prohibits funds from being used to implement section 36.302(c)(9) of title 28, Code of Federal Regulations;

**Page H2531**

Brown (FL) amendment that increases funding, by offset, for emergency federal law enforcement assistance, as authorized by section 609M of the Justice Assistance Act of 1984, by \$20,000,000;

**Page H2536**

Garamendi amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by \$443,000;

**Pages H2537–38**

Denham amendment (No. 26 printed in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2012) that prohibits funds from being used to implement section 10011(b) of Public Law 111–11;

**Pages H2538–39**

Denham amendment that prohibits funds from being used to provide services from or for the Executive Office for United States Attorneys, the United States Marshals Service, or employees of the Department of Justice, to carry out activities located at a newly constructed Federal courthouse located in Los Angeles, California;

**Pages H2539–41**

Huelskamp amendment (No. 24 printed in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2012) that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of the Defense of Marriage Act (by a recorded vote of 245 ayes to 171 noes, Roll No. 235);

**Pages H2547–51, H2551–52**

Landry amendment that prohibits funds from being used to implement a proposed rule for turtle

excluder devices as described in the Southeast Fishery Bulletin published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on May 8, 2012 (by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 201 noes, Roll No. 236);

**Pages H2522–23, H2552–53**

Gardner amendment (No. 32 printed in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2012) that prohibits funds from being used to pay the salary of any officer or employee of the Department of Commerce who uses amounts in the Fisheries Enforcement Asset Forfeiture Fund of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that consists of the sums described in section 311(e)(1) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1861(e)(1)) for any purpose other than a purpose specifically authorized under such section (by a recorded vote of 357 ayes to 68 noes, Roll No. 237);

**Pages H2523, H2553**

Cravaack amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2012) that prohibits funds from being used to carry out the activities of the Climate Change Education program of the National Science Foundation (by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 241); and

**Pages H2535–36, H2555–56**

Flake amendment that prohibits funds from being used to carry out the functions of the Political Science Program in the Division of Social and Economic Sciences of the Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences of the National Science Foundation (by a recorded 218 ayes to 208 noes, Roll No. 243).

**Pages H2543–44, H2557**

Rejected:

Tierney amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders program by \$10,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 160 ayes to 260 noes, Roll No. 227);

**Pages H2496–98, H2516–17**

Rohrabacher amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used, with respect to the States of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington to prevent such States from implementing their own State laws that authorize the use, distribution, possession, or cultivation of medical marijuana (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 262 noes, Roll No. 238);

**Pages H2524–29, H2553–54**

Lewis (GA) amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the purpose of closing the regional field offices of the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 239);

**Pages H2529–31, H2554–55**

Holt amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used in contravention of any of the following: 1) The Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States; 2) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (relating to non-discrimination in federally assisted programs); 3) Section 809(c)(1) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (relating to prohibition of discrimination); and 4) Section 210401(a) of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (relating to unlawful police pattern or practice) (by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 240); and

**Pages H2532–35, H2555**

Flake amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to carry out the SelectUSA initiative (by a recorded vote of 209 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 242).

**Pages H2541–43, H2556–57**

Withdrawn:

Lee amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for Community Oriented Policing Services Programs by \$177,087,000 and

**Pages H2500–01**

Broun (GA) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used to carry out or enforce section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

**Pages H2544–47**

H. Res. 643, the rule providing for consideration of the measure, was agreed to yesterday, May 8th.

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the actions of the Government of Syria is to continue in effect beyond May 11, 2012—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 112–107).

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H2460.

**Senate Referral:** S. 743 was referred to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and Homeland Security.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2570.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and 18 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2490–91, H2491–92, H2516, H2516–17, H2517–18, H2518, H2518–19, H2519–20, H2520, H2520–21, H2521–22, H2551–52, H2552–53, H2553, H2553–54, H2554–55, H2555, H2555–56, H2556–57, and H2557. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, May 10th.

## ***Committee Meetings***

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a markup of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill FY 2013. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a markup of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill FY 2013. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee began a markup of H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee began a markup of H.R. 5651, the "Food and Drug Administration Reform Act of 2012".

### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURE; AND HYDROPOWER REGULATORY EFFICIENCY ACT OF 2012**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on H.R. 4273, the "Resolving Environmental and Grid Reliability Conflicts Act of 2012"; and discussion draft of the "Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act of 2012". Testimony was heard from Patricia Hoffman, Assistant Secretary for the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy; Gina McCarthy, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; Phillip D. Moeller, Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Jeffrey C. Wright, Director, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Betty Ann Kane, Chairman, D.C. Public Service Commission; and public witnesses.

### **BUDGET AND SPENDING CONCERNS AT HHS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation held a hearing entitled "Budget and Spending Concerns at HHS". Testimony was heard from Norris Cochran, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Budget, Department of

Health and Human Services; Carolyn L. Yocom, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and James C. Cosgrove, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office.

### **RISING REGULATORY COMPLIANCE COSTS AND THEIR IMPACT ON THE HEALTH OF SMALL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled "Rising Regulatory Compliance Costs and Their Impact on the Health of Small Financial Institutions". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION'S REVERSE MORTGAGE PROGRAM FOR SENIORS**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Housing Administration's Reverse Mortgage Program for Seniors". Testimony was heard from Charles Coulter, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Single Family Programs, Office of Housing, Federal Housing Administration; and public witnesses.

### **ASSESSING U.S. FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES AND NEEDS AMIDST ECONOMIC CHALLENGES IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing entitled "Assessing U.S. Foreign Policy Priorities and Needs Amidst Economic Challenges in the Middle East". Testimony was heard from Jeffrey D. Feltman, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; Mara Rudman, Assistant Administrator for the Middle East Bureau, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Mark Ward, Deputy Special Coordinator for Middle East Transitions, Department of State.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 3857, the "Public Transit Security and Local Law Enforcement Support Act"; H.R. 4005, the "Gauging American Port Security Act"; H.R. 3173, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to reform the process for the enrollment, activation, issuance, and renewal of a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) to require, in total, not more than one in-person visit to a designated enrollment center; and H.R. 2356, the "WMD Prevention and Preparedness Act of 2011".

The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 3857; H.R. 4005; H.R. 3173; and H.R. 2356.

#### FIRST RESPONDER TECHNOLOGIES

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications; and Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technology held a joint hearing entitled “First Responder Technologies: Ensuring a Prioritized Approach for Homeland Security Research and Development”. Testimony was heard from Robert Griffin, Director of First Responder Programs, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Mary H. Saunders, Director, Standards Coordination Office, National Institute of Standards and Technology; Edward Kilduff, Chief of Department, New York City Fire Department; Annette Doyin, Director, Office of Emergency Management, Pasco County, Florida; and public witness.

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Testimony was heard from Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

#### PRESIDENT OBAMA’S OFFSHORE DRILLING PLAN

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Evaluating President Obama’s Offshore Drilling Plan and Impacts on Our Future”. Testimony was heard from Tommy Beaudreau, Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

#### TSA OVERSIGHT PART IV: IS TSA EFFECTIVELY PROCURING, DEPLOYING, AND STORING AVIATION SECURITY EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY?

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; and Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Held a joint hearing entitled “TSA Oversight Part IV: Is TSA Effectively Procuring, Deploying, and Storing Aviation Security Equipment and Technology?” Testimony was heard from David R. Nicholson, Assistant Administrator for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer, Transportation Security Administration; Charles K. Edwards, Acting Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; and Stephen M. Lord, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office.

#### SEQUESTER REPLACEMENT RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2012

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5652, the “Sequester Replacement Reconciliation Act of 2012”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8 to 3, a closed rule providing two

hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 112–21 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ryan (WI) and Van Hollen.

#### ENSURING THE BEST STEWARDSHIP OF AMERICAN TAXPAYER DOLLARS AT THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing entitled “Ensuring the Best Stewardship of American Taxpayer Dollars at the National Science Foundation”. Testimony was heard from Allison C. Lerner, Inspector General, National Science Foundation.

#### EFFECTS OF HIGH GASOLINE PRICES ON SMALL BUSINESSES

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Running on Empty: The Effects of High Gasoline Prices on Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### MEDICARE DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROGRAM

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Medicare Durable Medical Equipment Competitive Bidding Program”. Testimony was heard from Laurence Wilson, Director of the Chronic Care Policy Group, Center for Medicare, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Kathleen King, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY’S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled “The State of Social Security’s Information Technology”. Testimony was heard from G. Kelly Croft, Deputy Commissioner of Systems and Chief Information Officer, Social Security Administration, Valerie C. Melvin, Director, Information Management and Technology Resources Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to receive a closed briefing on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Pacific Command Programs, 10:30 a.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine current readiness of U.S. forces in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Patricia K. Falcone, of California, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, Marietta S. Robinson, of Michigan, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and William P. Doyle, of Pennsylvania, and Richard A. Lidinsky, Jr., of Maryland, both to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine S. 2374, to amend the Helium Act to ensure the expedient and responsible draw-down of the Federal Helium Reserve in a manner that protects the interests of private industry, the scientific, medical, and industrial communities, commercial users, and Federal agencies, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine Medicare physician payments, focusing on understanding the past so we can envision the future, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), focusing on Chicago and beyond, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine helping the middle class balance work and family, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 2276, to permit Federal officers to remove cases involving crimes of violence to Federal court, S. 2554, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2017, and the nominations of David Medine, of Maryland, to be Chairman, James Xavier Dempsey, of California, Elisebeth Collins Cook, of Illinois, Rachel L. Brand, of Iowa, and Patricia M. Wald, of the District of Columbia, all to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee, continued markup of H.R. 5651, the "Food and Drug Administration Reform Act of 2012", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.



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